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REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2 and 12-15 are pending. By the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended for clarity. Favorable reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 1, 2 and 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is respectfully traversed. Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of the claim language. However, without acquiescing in the Examiner's rejection or characterization, claim 1 has been amended to broaden the claim by deleting the objected to language. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 1, 2 and 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Goto (U.S. Patent No. 6,037,189) in view of Kobayashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,455,342 B1, hereinafter "Kobayashi") and Thompson (U.S. Patent No. 6,058,125) is respectfully traversed. Without acquiescing in the rejection, it is noted that claim 1 has been amended. Accordingly, the rejection will be discussed with respect to the claims as amended.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the cited references disclose, teach or suggest the feature of a shading film comprising a material selected from the group comprising Cr/Ni, Cr, Ti/Pt, Ti, Ni, Al, Ag and Au, as specifically recited in the claims. Therefore, even if, *arguendo*, the combination of Goto, Kobayashi and

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and Thompson were proper, the combination nevertheless fails to render the claimed invention obvious. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the entire application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that further issues require resolution prior to allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,
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